

Milwaukee Children's Choir Board Members – 2009 / 2010

Priya Barnes is your typical first generation, immigrant entrepreneur—driven to do more. She is the founder and president of Creatonomy, a brand management firm in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During her 18-year career that has included working in communications for Fortune 500, non-profit and privately held companies, Priya has been an active volunteer in a diverse range of community organizations including the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Milwaukee County Medical Society, Connecting Caring Communities, Milwaukee Children's Choir, Legacy Bank, the Alzheimer's Association, the Urban Ecology Center, and others. She has a master's degree in Journalism and is a graduate of Future Milwaukee. Priya is also an adjunct instructor in the College of Communication at Marquette University.

Priya has been on the MCC board since 2006. Her firm donated the design work for MCC's new website, as well as the Valentine Card design. Ms. Barnes is chair of MCC's Marketing Committee.

Beth Berger is from a family of musicians. Her mother was a piano teacher and her sister is a singer who is also the President of Chorus America, the national association of choruses. Beth's eldest daughter was active in choir activities while a student at Lawrence University. Beth began her professional life as a high school French teacher. She later received a law degree from Georgetown Law School, and began her legal career at Foley & Lardner. She is now Assistant General Counsel at Northwestern Mutual.

Beth has been on the MCC board since 2006. With Beth's continuing assistance MCC has received support from Northwestern Mutual Foundation for the past several years. She currently serves on MCC's Governance Committee.

Heidi Boyd is an alumna of the Milwaukee Children's Choir, having been a member from 1998-2004. During her years singing with MCC, Heidi travelled internationally to Canterbury, England and Rome, Italy and regionally to Chicago and Minneapolis; participated in numerous *Milwaukee Sings!* festivals and two *America Sings!* national festivals; and performed solos on both *A Midwinter Night's Dream* and *Winter's Night* recordings. She graduated in 2008 *summa cum laude* from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. She is currently a member of the Milwaukee Choral Artists, the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus professional core, and is the soprano section leader at Fox Point Lutheran Church. Heidi is the Donor Services & Special Events Manager at the Skylight Opera Theatre. She and her husband Joel Boyd reside in Wauwatosa.

Heidi joined MCC's board in 2009 and brings alumni, arts administrator, and development experience and perspective to the MCC boardroom.

Christine Burgener is the Associate Director of Operations for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Chris received her Bachelor's degree in K-12 vocal music education from the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A lifelong singer, she has performed in numerous ensembles of all sizes and musical styles. She was accepted into the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus in the 1984-1985 season and became its Personnel Manager in 2001. Chris is also currently a member of the UPAF Board of Directors. She is grateful for the dedicated teachers that introduced her to the world of music as a child, and the lasting and ongoing rewards she has received as a result of this opportunity.

Chris has been an MCC board member since 2005. She is currently the President of the board. She is also a member of the Executive, Personnel and Nominations/Governance Committee. She has served as both MCC's Vice President and Secretary. In her role as Associate Director of Operations for the MSO, she is a consistent champion of the Milwaukee Children's Choir.

Dave Dorgan's daughter Kalena began as a Prelude Choir member and moved to Concert Choir this season. Her audition for Concert Choir and subsequent acceptance was an extremely happy experience for her, and she can't wait to grow through the ranks of the various choirs within MCC. Dave is the Controller at Rockwell Automation. In addition to his service to MCC, Dave is also a member of the board of St. Francis Children's Center, Glendale. He received a BS in Accounting from Villanova University.

Dave joined the MCC board in 2007. He is currently the Vice President of the Board, Chair of the Development Committee, and a member of the Finance and Executive Committees. He has also been instrumental in MCC receiving funding from Rockwell Automation.

Bob Fichtner is married to his wife Penny of 12 years and lives with their daughter Hannah in Richfield, WI. Bob is a Market Research Consultant at Assurant Health. Hannah, who attends Aquinas Academy, is enjoying her fifth season with the MCC. Bob is also a musician, having studied piano and played French horn in Music for Youth (now MYSO), the All City Band and All City Orchestra. Bob has been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for the past 16 years. He currently sings with the international award winning Midwest Vocal Express (www.mve.org), having recently served as President of its Board for two years. He was also fortunate to perform one concert with Milwaukee Symphony Chorus - Beethoven's 9th at Ravinia - sharing the risers with his father Frank, a 30+ year member of the MSC. Bob received a Bachelor of Arts in German Literature from UW Madison in 1986.

Bob joined the MCC board in 2009. His experiences as a musician and MCC parent and his prior leadership in a performing arts organization are very beneficial to MCC.

Katie A. Kaminsky has resided in Milwaukee since the summer of 2003, when she joined Deloitte LLP in an accounting role. She subsequently moved into HR/Operations and is now a National Project Management Associate. Katie has been active in the performing arts for over twenty years. She is an alumnus of the Madison Youth Choirs (formerly known as Madison Children's Choir) and holds a sincere passion for the benefits arts can provide to children at a young age. She continued her involvement with music at Carthage College as a member of the Carthage Choir, the Lincoln Chamber Singers (auditioned small ensemble a cappella group), lead roles in various musicals, and private voice lessons. For many years she continued her passion for music in Milwaukee as a member of the Bel Canto Chorus.

Katie has been a member of the MCC Board of Directors since 2005. She is currently the Chair of the Personnel Committee, and member of the Finance and Executive Committees. In the past she has served as Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of the Finance Committee, Vice President and a member of the Development Committee.

Paul Lucey's daughter Mary was an MCC member for many years. Paul is a member of the Litigation Practice Group at Michael Best & Friedrich, has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America in the area of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law, and also was recognized as a "Wisconsin Super Lawyer" in this area. Paul received his undergraduate degree from University of Wisconsin Madison, his MA degree from Harvard, and his law degree from UW Madison.

Paul has been on the MCC board since 2003. He is a Past President, has served as Chair of the Development Committee, and is currently Chair of the Nominations/Governance Committee. He has also been an active MCC parent, and accompanied MCC on its recent trip to Prague.

Verona L. Morgan and her husband Julius moved from Madison to Milwaukee in 1986 and settled in Glendale. They have four adult daughters and six grandchildren. Their four daughters were charter members of the Madison Capital Aires Drum and Bugle Corps and their oldest daughter played trumpet in the Madison Youth Symphony Orchestra. Verona has been an active fundraiser for the Milwaukee arts for over twenty years. She is a past member of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra League Board, past-president of the African American Children's Theatre Board and has just completed her 7th year as co-chair of the Historic Black College Night Event done in partnership with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Her volunteer activities include serving as Chairperson of the Salvation Army of Greater Milwaukee Advisory Board, Secretary on the Atkinson Avenue Community Development Corporation Board and reading to students every Thursday at Congress Elementary Year-Round School. She is a retired executive with business experience at Ameritech and the Journal Sentinel and holds a BS in Business Administration with a minor in Psychology from Edgewood College in Madison.

Verona joined the MCC board in 2005. She has actively supervised MCC's financial aid program and been MCC's UPAF campaign cabinet representative. Verona serves on MCC's Finance Committee and Development Committee and is the at-large member of MCC's Executive Committee.

Patrick Murphy is a long-time resident of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife, Mary, and their four children: Corey, Carly, Allan and Emma. Patrick has been a strong supporter of the arts in Milwaukee, both as a UPAF representative for his firm, as well as a patron and parent of children participating in many of the arts programs around town. Patrick is passionate about music of every variety. He and his wife are long-time season ticket holders for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and are frequent patrons of Milwaukee's finest music and performing arts venues.

In his profession as an attorney at Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Patrick concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, bank and bank holding company formations, general securities, financing transactions, and regulatory and compliance matters. He is a graduate of Marquette

University with a B.S. in Accounting and received his Juris Doctor degree from Marquette University Law School. Patrick joined the MCC board in 2006. He is MCC's Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Robert Sholl's daughters Anna and Emma were long-time MCC members. Anna joined the choir during its second year of existence, and sang with the Prelude, Concert and Cantorei Choirs. Emma sang with the Concert and Cantorei Choirs, and later with the Youth Chorale. Rob is Chair of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's Labor and Employment Department. Rob received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College (where he sang with the Glee Club), his master's degree in industrial relations from the University of Warwick Business School (Coventry, England), and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Rob was a charter member of the MCC's first "advisory board" and then played a key role in the formation of the MCC as non-profit corporation in 2000. He has served on the Board since then, with the exception of a one-year absence. Rob has served in many board leadership positions, including as the Board's second President. Rob's most recent term of service to MCC began in 2005. He is a member of MCC's Personnel and Nominations/Governance Committees.

Jayme Tschanz moved to Milwaukee in 1999 to attend UW-Milwaukee. She and her husband Chad live near downtown in Bayview. Jayme has been active in music throughout her entire life. She has been involved in numerous musical theater performances, swing choir, jazz band, marching band, Solo and Ensemble, and other music related activities. She received the National School Chorale and John Phillip Sousa Band Awards and participated in the Honors Choirs and Bands in high school. She was active in the UW-Milwaukee Opera, Gospel Choir, and Women's Choir during her college years. Jayme has been active also in church choirs and led the children's choir for Christmas for 4 years. Currently, she is active in the St. Catherine's Adult Choir as a choir member and cantor/soloist.

Jayme is a Tax Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration - Accounting and a master's degree in Taxation. She has also obtained her Certified Public Accountant license in Wisconsin. She joined MCC's board in 2009 and currently serves as its Secretary.

Robert Venable and his wife Ellen have three children. Kelly (age 15) has been an MCC singer for 6 years, and has been in all of MCC's choir levels. She is a current member of the Youth Chorale. Bob is a Managing Director of Robert W. Baird & Co., where he serves as Director of Research.

Bob joined the MCC board in 2005, and has been instrumental in getting Baird support for MCC. He is a member of MCC's Development and Nominations/Governance Committees. In addition to his service to MCC, Bob is a member of the governing board of the University School of Milwaukee, and is campaign co-chair for USM's current capital campaign.